

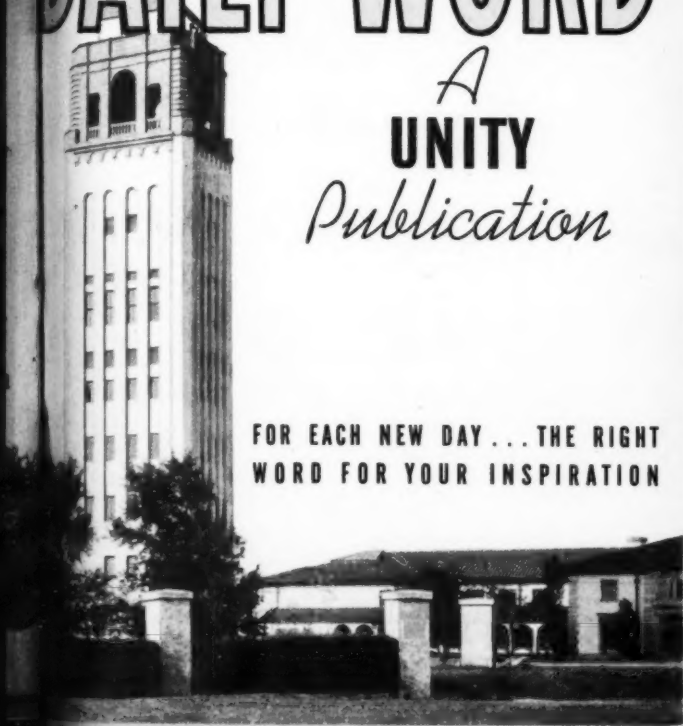
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for spiritual illumination:

*Thy light is a "lamp unto my feet" and
I know the way.*

At high noon each day concentrate your attention
on this thought for prosperity:

*I behold Thee as the source of my prosperity
and I am at peace.*

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of Spirit with this prayer:

*Thy swift, strong, vigorous life flows freely
through me and I am healed.*

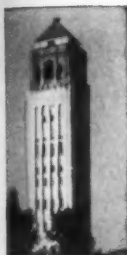
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Stately and tall, as pictured on the cover of DAILY WORD, the Unity Campanile or Prayer Tower directs the traveler to Unity Farm near Kansas City. Even so this little magazine daily directs your steps to the sun-tipped heights in whose glory you behold yourself as a son of God; for such you are.

GOD IN YOU

ROSE SKINNER

I see God's perfect love in you,
His peace and strength and kindness too.
I see His sure, directing power
Safely guiding you each hour.

I see in you His healing grace;
I see His beauty in your face.
In form and action you express
His joyous health and lovingness.

I see you blessing others too,
For God reveals Himself through you.
Your radiance is a glowing light
That penetrates the darkest night.

I see in you the living Truth,
Eternal life, and changeless youth.
In all you think and say and do
You are God's child, divine and true.

**LIBERTY, JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS,
AND PEACE ARE NOW ESTABLISHED
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, IN THE
NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.**

Sometimes we are asked why we persist in declaring that justice and peace are now established when to all appearances the world is in the throes of great turmoil.

We affirm that peace is now established because we know that the Spirit of peace has been implanted within man since his creation, and that peace is therefore present throughout the world. Men may not at all times give expression to that which is innate within them. But Truth reveals that the outer must inevitably conform to the pattern that has been established in the inner heavenly kingdom and that peace must appear "in earth, as it is in heaven."

We do not look to a future time for peace. We do not stake its coming upon the winning of wars, the making of treaties. We know that the divine virtues of freedom, understanding, justice, and peace are at this moment a vital and active force within man and that they are steadily and surely pushing up from their inner recesses, out to the farthest reaches of the earth.

Our work, yours and ours, is to know this Truth steadfastly. We can hasten the full expression in the outer of the peace that is present in the inner by diligently affirming each day:

**LIBERTY, JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS,
AND PEACE ARE NOW ESTABLISHED
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Men of Peace in Wartime

CLINTON E. BERNARD

WE ARE Truth students, peace-loving citizens of a nation that has entered on legalized conflict. A dilemma confronts us. We love God and the way of life taught by Jesus Christ; we must be loyal to them. We love our country and the way of life it exemplifies; we want to be loyal to them. Our Prophet stands for peace; we are ordered by our government to help make war. What shall we do?

If the teachings of Jesus Christ are sound—and we know they are—they will afford us guidance in our present need. They are not a guide for fair weather only. They served the Master through a life of difficulties such as no other person ever experienced. They do contain the answer to our present need. Let us look for it. Particularly let us consider how Truth already has been used successfully by men who have had to meet the problem of unwelcome military service.

When the Selective Training and Service Act went into effect there were two young ministers in a Northern State who were especially puzzled over what to do about it. Both were devoted to the cause of peace; both regarded war as a relic

of barbarism, utterly at variance with the Christ way. Should they register for the draft? Would it be consistent with their religion to do so?

When the time of decision came one declared himself a conscientious objector and refused even to register. He is now in a camp provided for persons of his type. His wife and children are dependent on relatives for support. His case received considerable publicity. The issue has divided the members of his church into two quarreling factions.

The other young minister, though utterly opposed to war and to killing, took a far different course. He recognized that there might be two sides to the question. He was supposed to be an earthly representative of the greatest exponent of right living the world ever saw. As such a representative he too was regarded as an example. His decision and his conduct would sway many. What would Jesus Christ have done in such a case? The young minister turned to the Gospels, the record of the earthly work of the Master.

It was clear from the Gospel record that Jesus did not live a cloistered life. One of the bitterest criticisms directed against Him by orthodox members of the Jewish church—His church—was that He associated too much with sinners, with the common people. He preached to people and

served them at feasts, in the market place, wherever they lived and labored and tried to solve their problems. They did not have to go into the Temple to find Him.

The Gospels tell us that Jesus consented to pay a current tax for Himself and one of His disciples, though He apparently felt that divine justice did not demand so much. They would pay it, He explained, lest they cause others to stumble. On another occasion He was asked whether or not it was lawful to pay tribute to Caesar, the head of the Roman empire, which had conquered the land. Then He made the much-quoted reply "Render therefore unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

There are other Gospel hints for those who wonder if they can conscientiously give good service when inducted by legal civil process into a work they cannot indorse. For instance, there was the incident in which the hot-headed Peter cut off the ear of a servant of the high priest when the mob came to seize Jesus immediately prior to His trial and crucifixion. The servant and those with him engaged in an act of lawless violence, but Jesus touched the ear and made it whole. This is an arresting thought for persons who are now wondering if a Christian can conscientiously serve in the army medical corps.

This young minister made his difficult decision. He decided to conform to civil law, while serving God to the best of his ability. "All I ask is the opportunity to serve God," he reasoned. "In the army there will be hundreds of thousands of young men who are even more bewildered than I have been, who have less faith in God and understanding of Him than I have. Where could I possibly find people who need me more? And if the army is not the place where I can serve best, then I know that divine law will quickly put me in my right place. Wherever I go I'll work for God and know He is working for me."

This young man is now a chaplain in a regiment stationed in the Midwest, doing his best to be a spiritual counselor to bewildered young soldiers who desperately need such help. He is helping others; there is no doubt of that. But what is his army experience doing to him? Has it lowered his spiritual tone?

He testifies that his new work has broadened him greatly in understanding and in faith. He looks back a bit apologetically on the sermons he preached in the old days, for he feels that they were inadequate to the needs of his flock. He believes that when there is a more useful field of service for him than the army he will be led into it.

Can we have any doubt as to which of these two young ministers is serving God and man best? Is not the good Samaritan more to be commended than those who refused to help the stricken?

Of course relatively few of the men who are drafted can become chaplains. What about the rest? There is an answer to this also. It is illustrated clearly in the experience of a young Truth student whom we shall call Barry.

Before the draft took him he was preparing to become a minister, a work for which he was eminently well suited. Though he was in truth a conscientious objector he asked no concessions from the draft board, not even stating that he was opposed to fighting and killing. His friends were surprised at this. They were mystified when they noticed, just prior to his reporting for duty in the army, that he was happy and composed. In answer to their questions he set forth his attitude.

"I've made up my mind to go wherever they send me," he explained. "Wherever I'm sent I'll go in faith that God has something for me to do there, some service to give. I want to do Christian work. Where can I find a better field than among the selectees? And about the killing: God knows I don't want to kill, and I've asked Him to spare me that if it fits in with His big plan."

Yes, he seemed to be taking a long chance. He

was assigned to the air corps. This looked ominous, for the air corps is very much a combatant arm of the service. He retained his faith however, and soon the situation cleared for him. He was assigned to an office job, where he would never be called on to do any fighting. He is strong and sincere, this fine young Christian. The army cannot lower his standards; he will raise the standards of his companions. His spiritual sinews will grow by exercise.

It is a remarkable fact that many young Truth students have grown more spiritually since their induction into the army than in any other like period of their life. It is not that the army is an ideal environment to foster spiritual growth but that the overcomers are made newly aware of the invincible power that is theirs. He who has proved his faith is thrice armed.

There are many ways of escaping combatant service. The army classification system is operated by experts with the aim of putting the individual where he will be most valuable. A man who does not believe in fighting or killing will never become a good front-line soldier. He naturally gravitates to a noncombatant arm of the service, such as the quartermaster corps or the medical corps. Divine law and military law alike tend to put a man where he can serve best.

The fact that a man is to be inducted into the army does not make it certain that he will have to fight or kill. An astonishingly large proportion of the soldiers will never fight. War has become a very technical business requiring many highly trained specialists. Increasing numbers of the specialists are noncombatants in fact or in effect. For instance, the ground crew that services an airplane is likely to be several times as large as the flying crew. Back of these noncombatants are the service of supply and other technical services. The army has room for men of many tastes and talents. He who puts his faith in God will find his right place.

"Resist not him that is evil" is the instruction of our Teacher. Those who remember this are the ones who are making the happiest adjustment to martial surroundings. Instead of fighting the current that is sweeping them along they ask God to take care of them; then they cultivate poise and confidence in the faith that their request is being answered. They help others, who have less understanding and faith, to make the best of the situation. They regard the present as an opportunity for overcoming, for stirring spiritual adventure.

The problem of meeting seeming evil is not confined to military situations. Nearly everybody can find excuses for objecting to something, for

thinking himself badly used by circumstance. Those who progress are the ones who work definitely to salvage and use the good they find—and there is good to be found in any situation. It is better to work for peace than against war.

The Master did not fight, but He did minister to those who fought. He always helped the wounded and the harried who appealed to Him for help. Would He then refuse to offer healing to sick armies?

Spring

MYRTLE VORST SHEPPARD

This is the season God
Reflects Himself in singing streams,
In beams of light across a meadow's green;
When His goodness is seen
In every growing thing
And His dear voice is heard
In the clear notes
Of every silver-throated bird.
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When God bends just a little nearer
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I FACE THIS NEW DAY COURAGEOUSLY, CONSCIOUS OF GOD-GIVEN POWER TO MEET EVERY EXPERIENCE VICTORIOUSLY.

A NEW DAY has dawned and brought with it experiences to meet, decisions to make, problems to solve, duties to perform: God-given responsibilities. Each new day is a new opportunity to press onward, to live according to the best that is within me. Past mistakes and failures have no part in this new day. I am thankful for the lessons I have learned from them, but to-day I forge ahead assured of victory as I strive to express my higher self through the Christ power within me.

I start the new day in prayer and meditation. It is my duty to seek God diligently, that He may reveal to me what His will for me is. Before I know His will for me I cannot realize true success or be truly happy or effective.

Today I will be alert to the opportunities that God puts before me. I praise and thank Him for another day in which to serve Him.

*O Jehovah, in the morning shalt thou hear my voice;
In the morning will I order my prayer unto thee.*

—PSALMS 5:3.

Saturday

MAY 2

CHRIST NOW PREVAILS AS INFINITE PEACE
IN ME AND IN MY WORLD.

WE ABIDE today in the realization that we are established in the peace of Christ, and nothing in all this world can change our peaceful state of mind.

We believe with all our heart that the peace of Christ centered within us is radiating a blessing to all the world. The peace of Christ, the peace that passes all human understanding, becomes ours when we claim it and live according to His law of righteousness.

External things do not have power to destroy our peace when our vision is directed toward Christ. When we pray as Christ prayed and are willing to let peace begin within ourselves, we cannot believe that things of the world determine whether or not we have peace. We realize that the peace of Christ is ever finding its way into the hearts of all people, and we have faith that His peace endures throughout all situations and all time.

Let us let the peace of Christ reign in our hearts.

♣ *Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled.*—JAMES 2:16.

Sunday

PEACE

I PRAISE GOD FOR THE INNER STILLNESS, AND
THE INNER HEALING.

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ALWAYS WITHIN you there is an inner stillness, a realm of consciousness where God reigns supreme. It is the secret place of the Most High where God reveals Himself to you. Your good originates there and is made known to you as you commune with God in inward quietness.

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You do not have to go outside yourself to find your good. All that you seek is within you, all love, all power, all faith, all wisdom, all supply. No negation, no disturbance, no ill will can follow you there, nor can any outer condition bar or delay the outflow of your divinely appointed good through you as you commune with God in inner stillness.

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In all the universe there is never a place of such glory, inspiration, and security as this meeting place of soul and Spirit that God has reserved within you. There you can work with God to release all the good ever needed or desired.

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*Then are they glad because they are quiet;
So he bringeth them unto their desired haven.*
—PSALMS 107:30.

Monday

MAY 4

SPIRIT LIGHT GUIDES ME, AND I AM FREE
FROM ALL MENTAL CONFUSION.

WHEN WE turn to the light of the Christ Spirit existing at the heart of our being, we know that we can no longer be in mental darkness and confusion. Realizing that our understanding is in Christ, we have but to turn to Him in order to know whatever we need to know.

All things will be revealed to us when the light of Christ shines forth, for He is the true source of revelation. When we seem to be in mental confusion we need to lift our consciousness to the presence of Christ; then His light shines forth unhindered by limited thoughts and beliefs.

We came forth from the Father endowed with His light and wisdom. Thus we are equipped with all that we need to know in order to live a well-rounded life. He has placed His light, Christ, within us and given us perfect understanding. When we turn to Him we are free from confusion and fear and we know just what to do.

Christ lights your way. Abide in peace.

* *Then shall thy light break forth as the morning.*
—ISA. 58:8.

Tuesday

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GOD IS NOW BLESSING ME IN ALL WAYS, AND
I THANK HIM FOR PEACE, HEALTH, AND
PROSPERITY.

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WITH thanksgiving and praise I receive the blessings God so lavishly bestows upon me. He is constantly blessing me in all ways. His blessings are so bountiful that mortal mind cannot conceive of them all. Only spiritually can I realize the fullness of His love as He expresses it through His blessings. Only when I am conscious of His presence within can I feel that I have truly thanked Him. Then within the depths of my heart there is true joy and thanksgiving. "My cup runneth over."

His Spirit penetrates every fiber of my being, renewing, rebuilding, and healing every inharmonious condition of mind, soul, and body, and I am filled with peace and happiness.

All my needs are abundantly supplied by the Father, who cares for every living creature. There is no lack in God's great universe.

Life is a glorious adventure. I find that my richest blessings come through service, and I have peace, health, and plenty.

* *Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee.*—NUM. 6:24.

Wednesday

MAY 6

I RELAX FROM ALL STRESS AND STRAIN, AND
ABIDE IN THE EASE AND COMFORT OF GOD'S
PRESENCE.

IF YOU need relaxation, turn in thought from that which seems to make you tense. Deny the power of any external thing to rob you of peace and harmony. Do not give any person or any situation the right or power to cause you to become tense.

We can easily see that much tension, mental and physical, comes from believing that things have power over us. We believe that circumstances of the future can interfere with our well-being. We think of persons as able to place our affairs in a precarious position. When the mind entertains the idea that persons, things, and circumstances can interfere with our happiness or well-being, then mental tension comes about and physical tension follows.

To rest in the consciousness of God's presence and love is to be free from the thought of tension. To know that persons and things cannot harm us in Truth is to be relieved of all the strain that results from fear of evil.

✿ *Ye shall find rest for your souls.*—JER. 6:16.

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THE JOY OF HEAVEN FILLS MY HEART, AND
NOT A TRACE OF SORROW CAN EXIST IN MY
WORLD. I AM JOYFUL.

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Joy is indicative of the presence of God. When we are joyful, we are conscious of that presence within us which lifts us above things of earth. Not a trace of sorrow or depression can exist in us when we know the truth that our joy is established in God.

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Those who are in personal consciousness live in the thought that persons and external things can harm or affect them. They believe that these can affect and limit their joy and happiness. Their joy depends upon the state of things. They are happy only when persons and things about them are in a harmonious state. But those who are in spiritual consciousness are happy regardless of external affairs.

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The joy of heaven fills our heart when we realize Truth in its fullness. We think of God, not of things. We think of His peace and love and joy, and we too become joyful. We lose sight of external things and cease to think of them as having power over us.

• *Rejoice always.*—I THESS. 5:16.

Friday

MAY 8

THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF
THE SHADOW I WILL NOT FEAR, FOR GOD IS
MY DEFENSE AND MY DELIVERANCE.

GOD IS a practical salvation. Even if you should find yourself in apparent personal danger, God is vitally at hand to keep you safe and to lead you through every crisis unscathed. No matter how dark and ominous the events immediately facing you may seem to be, His love will comfort you, His power will strengthen you to meet every test, and His wisdom will guide you unerringly. God's power to protect is mightier than any seeming earthly power to harm, and He will never forsake you.

You can dispel fear and gain peace by looking past every appearance of turmoil and danger, by keeping your mind stayed on the fact that the Almighty God is your vital, practical help, who will bring you out of darkness into light.

You are never alone, never unprotected, never separated from God's loving help and care. He is your freedom, your complete salvation.

✿ *Because thou hast made the LORD . . . thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee.*—PSALMS 91:9, 10 (A. V.).

MAY 9

Saturday

GOD'S WILL NOW AT WORK IN ME IS GOOD
WILL, AND I AM WILLING TO GIVE UP PER-
SONAL WILLFULNESS IN ORDER TO HAVE
HIS WILL DONE.

I GIVE up all tendency to personal willfulness
in order to let the perfect will of God be
done in me. I know that God's will is al-
ways good will, and through His will great good
is done in my life.

I am always ready to give up the lesser and
the personal in order to have the greater and
the universal. I am willing to give up selfish ideas
in order to entertain the universal ideas of Spirit.

God's will operating as good will is now bring-
ing great things to pass in my life. My mind is
open and receptive to these changes and to new
ideas. My consciousness is open to spiritual con-
sciousness. My mind is open to the operation of
God's will.

In Truth I know that no one's personal will
can interfere with the will of God. I know that
the personal will of another cannot keep away
from me that good which God gives to me. God's
will alone can govern and direct me.

✿ *The will of the Lord be done.*—ACTS 21:14.

Sunday

MAY 10

LOVE FILLS MY HEART AND RULES MY
WORLD SUPREMEPLY.

LOVE is ever magical in its action. It has power to transform our life, to heal, and to bless. Nothing else that comes to us as a gift of God is as sweet as love. Nothing is so powerful in our dealings with others, in helping us to work out personal problems.

When we find ourselves in some extremity, quite often our only help is love. When we can exercise love in a personal problem, its solution is at hand. When we can rise above hate and fear, we can know the power and sweetness of God's love for us. We can readily see that love is a remedy in all cases, a solution to all problems.

With our heart overflowing with love, nothing in the world about us can defeat or master us. Nothing can withstand the power of love. When God gives us His love, He places in our hands a most powerful instrument. When we rise to the realization of love's omnipotence, we can give no thought to the so-called power of hate or fear. Love transforms and remakes our world.

✿ *To them that love God all things work together for good.*—ROM. 8:28.

Mother's Prayer at Morning

PEARL B. PATRICK

God, grant me wisdom this new day
To do the tasks that come my way:
The many little things to do,
The greater work that is mine too.

God, grant me grace each day to guide
The children playing at my side;
Give smiling humor that I need
And loving patience for my creed.

God, grant me understanding deep
As vigil o'er these lives I keep.
God, help to fill my home with cheer;
Pour Thou Thy richest blessings here.

God, grant that I may live each hour
So closely trusting in Christ's power
That all around may clearly see
The Christ within shine forth in me.

Amen.

Monday

MAY 11

I REJOICE IN THE CREATIVE POWER OF GOD
WITHIN ME.

THE CREATIVE power of God is ever active in you. It is bringing into manifestation your perfect world and your perfect being, according to His perfect law.

When the earth was waste and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep, the Spirit of God acted with its wondrous creative power, and our good earth became manifest.

The creative power of God acts just as perfectly today to bring good into manifestation. It acts in your mind to inspire good-creating ideas that produce good health, good success, good living conditions. There need be no waste condition in your life, no empty hours void of expression, no shadow of uncertainty, no darkness of failure, no discouragement, no fear. The creative power of God, active in you, remedies all negation. It makes all things delightfully new, and brings order, security, and beauty out of the void. Lift up your head and rejoice! His creative power is active in you!

♣ *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*—GEN. 1:1.

MAY 12

Tuesday

THANK GOD, MY LIGHT IS COME, AND MY
GOOD STANDS CLEARLY REVEALED TO ME.

GOD MET the problems of creation, saying,
"Let there be light: and there was light."
Today when problems confront you, diffi-
culties assail you, or it seems that things are going
all wrong, just turn to the Spirit of God within
you, and say, "Let there be light"; and there will
be light.

From the beginning of time, when God pro-
nounced the word of light for His creation, there
has always been light. You are not a creature of
darkness; you are a child of light. You can walk
and work and live courageously, peaceably, and
securely in the Truth-revealing light of God. The
light of divine intelligence illumines your mind
and frees you from all ignorance, superstition,
condemnation, and fear. Your thoughts are ra-
diant, joyous, constructive, and they create great
good as they reflect the light of God's Spirit
within you.

The light of God illumines your heart and you
behold the glory of His love all about you.

✿ *God saw the light, that it was good.*—GEN. 1:4.



God Bless You

IDA NORTON MUNSON

Among the precious things and old
Are hallowed words that have been told
In sun and shadow, words so blest
Their very echo calms unrest.

And so "God bless you" still can press
With warmth against man's loneliness.
The meaning seems to shine like light
On unknown paths all through the night.

"God bless you!" As we hear it said,
Grief looks from depths of fear and dread
And reaches hands to some new power
That offers strength to brave each hour.

If there come days when cold despair
Darkens the world we thought was fair,
No altar prayer more profound
Can touch the soul with sweeter sound.

"God bless you" brings to one who hears
A sense of trust, of lifted fears,
Like Mary's ointment, rare, unpriced,
That soothed the feet and heart of Christ.

Christ.



Wednesday

MAY 13

I PLACE MYSELF AND ALL MY AFFAIRS LOVINGLY IN THE HANDS OF THE FATHER.

BECAUSE God's plan is all-wise, all-loving, and all-supplying, we can with confidence intrust all that concerns us into His perfect care. The assurance that God, the good, controls our life and affairs brings us freedom of spirit and release from anxiety.

As anxiety is dismissed from mind we become more receptive to divine inspiration. It then becomes easier for us to discern the way of our good and to accomplish our undertakings, for our thoughts are co-ordinated toward constructive purposes. The freedom of spirit that comes as we yield ourselves to God creates a happy state of mind that attracts blessings.

To place ourselves lovingly in the hands of the Father does not mean adopting a passive or casual attitude of mind. Rather it means to be keenly alert and responsive to His Spirit of wisdom, love, and efficiency, and to apply in practical ways the Truth He reveals to us.

✿ *Blessed is the man that maketh Jehovah his trust.*
—PSALMS 40:4.

MAY 14

Thursday

MY SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT IS QUICKENED,
AND MY EYES REFLECT THE STRENGTH AND
CLARITY OF SPIRIT.

MY EYES see what my soul perceives. With the vision of Spirit I see perfect life coming through imperfection. I see infinite wisdom in thwarted plans. I see living substance in the place of lack. I see the desire for love where discord seems to displace peace. I realize that my eyes reflect the image of my understanding, and I pray that I may consistently hold the perfect picture of good in my imagination.

The clarity of my understanding keeps my vision unclouded by appearances. The strength of my convictions of God's goodness makes me resolute in perceiving only that which adds to my well-being and the well-being of others.

I resolve this day to see in other persons and in my surroundings only that which is desirable. I know that my spiritual perception is quickened to the sensitiveness of divine perfection, and I see perfection everywhere.

*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before . . . all peoples.*

—LUKE 2:30, 31.

Friday

MAY 15

I AM HAPPY TO BE A CHANNEL FOR THE EXPRESSION OF GOD'S DIVINE COURAGE AND MASTERY.

THERE never was a time when the need for spiritual strength and courage was felt as keenly as it is today. We have never been in greater need of having our vision kept on God and His goodness regardless of circumstances, thus having our minds and hearts open to His strength and courage.

By keeping our vision Godward and exercising our divine mastery we become greater than circumstances. Soon we find ourselves and our world taking on the character of strength. If we let depressing conditions influence us, we lack courage. We cannot master the experiences of life by disregarding them, but through our unity with God we are given wisdom and strength to rise above the conditions that threaten us.

It is our privilege to develop our inner faculties of strength and courage and to use them in bringing an end to evil. God has opened to us new ways and given us courage and mastery.

✿ *God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.*—II SAM. 22:33 (A. V.).

MAY 16

Saturday

MY INNER SENSE OF HEARING IS QUICKENED,
AND I AM OBEDIENT TO THE VOICE OF SPIRIT
WITHIN ME.

I CEASE to be disobedient to the bidding of Christ in the midst of me. I do not try to "turn a deaf ear" to the voice of Spirit. I do not put a barrier between myself and Spirit. I am one with it, one with its voice and its bidding.

I am willing to sacrifice selfishness, stubbornness, and resistance in order to listen to the voice of Spirit. I am ready to give up all personal consciousness to be one with the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of wisdom and light.

Henceforth I obey only one voice, the voice of Spirit and Truth. I hear Spirit when it speaks to me. I am willing to adjust my personal life to the great universal plan of Spirit. I am receptive to spiritual guidance, obedient to spiritual direction, successful in spiritual undertakings.

My inner sense of hearing now causes my physical hearing to be quickened and strengthened. I hear every word of Truth, I hear every loving voice. I am blessed with perfect hearing.

♣ *The Lord Jehovah hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious.—ISA. 50:5.*

Sunday

MAY 17

IN THE STILLNESS OF MY SOUL I WAIT ON THE LORD. HE SUSTAINS ME AND RENEWS ME.

AS I ENTER into the stillness I close the door to all outer noise, disturbance, and confusion; and there I find absolute peace and quietness. All tension and worry swiftly disappear. Nothing disturbs me in the sanctuary of God's holy presence. The sweet indescribable awareness of His nearness fills me with love for all mankind, and a deep desire possesses me to serve Him with love and thanksgiving. The only way in which I can serve Him is by serving His children.

In the stillness God reveals to me the service He has assigned to me in His great plan. I rejoice in the realization that I am responsible for the special part God has planned for me to do. I pray that I may not neglect or overlook the opportunities He has placed along my pathway as they are constantly presented to me.

As I enter again and again into the stillness, I realize my power, strength, and love increasing through the Christ Spirit within.

♣ *Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.—PSALMS 4:4.*

MAY 18

Monday

GOD WITHIN ME STRENGTHENS ME TO MEET
MY EVERY RESPONSIBILITY TRIUMPHANTLY.

I ACCEPT the responsibilities of everyday living in the realization that God strengthens and directs me in meeting every situation and experience. My responsibilities are my opportunities to prove God.

I do not postpone admission of my responsibilities or try to avoid them, but I face them in divine fearlessness in order to glean from them the blessings they embody.

My responsibilities call forth the faculties that are the very essence of God. God not only gives me the faith to meet my every test but He is also the wisdom I need at all times. He is my courage, my divine fearlessness, and my good judgment, which know no turning back, no failure.

As I discharge my responsibilities I reap not only their material benefits, but I gain a new peace and deep spiritual benefits: recompense for a thing well done in His name. "And out of the strong came forth sweetness."

☛ *Let all your anxieties fall upon him, for his interest is in you.*—I PETER 5:7 (Moffatt).

Tuesday

MAY 19

I NO LONGER DOUBT GOD. I HAVE FAITH THAT EVEN NOW HE IS BRINGING GOOD TO PASS IN MY LIFE.

THE FAITHFUL person has faith that God, the good, will triumph over evil. He does not believe in evil, neither does he doubt God. He does not think of evil as having presence or power, for he believes that God is omnipresent and omnipotent.

If we would increase in faith, we must cease to believe that evil is real. Our whole thought must be given to God. We must believe that He is all in all. We must know that He is the only presence and the only power in our life. We must realize that He is constantly expressing Himself as good in and through us.

Get rid of all your doubts by thinking more and more of God. You will find that your faith increases as your doubts decrease. You will increase in faith in God as you continue to think more and more of Him. You will have more faith in the power of love than you have in the power of hate. You will believe more in the power of health than in the power of disease.

• *Jehovah preserveth the faithful.*—PSALMS 31:23.

Class Thoughts

TO BE USED FROM

May 20 to June 19

These affirmations, known as the Unity class thoughts, are composed by Charles Fillmore for the purpose of providing central ideas upon which Truth students everywhere may concentrate during the month. You are invited to use them with Silent Unity not only at the hours specified but whenever you have opportunity.



At 11 a. m. use this thought for

ILLUMINATION . . . I walk in Thy light with all Thy "children of light."

At 12 noon use this thought for

PROSPERITY . . . Casting out every thought of lack, I open the way for floods of prosperity.

At 9 p. m. use this thought for

HEALING . . . Thy Spirit of wholeness infolds me, and I quickly respond in health of body.



The lessons on the following three pages are based upon these class thoughts.

Wednesday

MAY 20

I WALK IN THY LIGHT WITH ALL THY "CHILDREN OF LIGHT."

IN USING the prayer for today, which is the illumination thought for the current month, our attention is directed to the phrase "children of light." Who are they? How can we identify them so that we may walk with them?

We are told in the Scriptures: "God is light" and "God is Spirit." The omnipresent Spirit and light is always about and within every child of God. We perceive it when we are spiritually awakened and begin to lay hold of the truth that man is potentially a divine being.

The "children of light" are they who realize that they are pure Spirit, having dominion over all things in heaven and earth. They use their mighty powers for constructive ends. They instill faith and courage in their fellow men. They establish peace. They speak words of wisdom and good counsel.

We walk with the "children of light" when we turn away from the pursuit of lesser things and seek to demonstrate our innate divinity.

✿ *Ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day.*—I THESS. 5:5.

CASTING OUT EVERY THOUGHT OF LACK, I
OPEN THE WAY FOR FLOODS OF PROSPERITY.

IN OUR prayer for today we embody our recognition of the tremendous abundance of every good that God is waiting to pour into our affairs. His abundance is like a great reservoir of water that is always filled and ready to flow instantly when the floodgates are opened.

Thoughts of lack in our mind are like the floodgates that prevent the water from flowing. These thoughts may appear to be of little moment, even hardly worth our notice. Nevertheless they are sufficiently strong to obstruct the channels through which floods of abundance would otherwise pour.

Every thought that is un-Godlike is a thought of lack. Resolutely put it from you. Cast it out of your mind once and for all. God has in store for you all that you can ever ask or desire. Peace, joy, wisdom, and love are included in the floods of prosperity that are yours the instant that you declare your freedom from lack.

♣ *The living God . . . giveth us richly all things to enjoy.*—I TIM. 6:17 (A. V.).

Friday

MAY 22

THY SPIRIT OF WHOLENESS INFOLDS ME, AND
I QUICKLY RESPOND IN HEALTH OF BODY.

DO YOU feel that you are presuming upon the goodness of God by claiming that you have perfect health when appearances indicate the contrary? Are you unwilling to accept the idea that perfect health can be manifested in your body?

When Jesus Christ said, "Be perfect, as your heavenly father is perfect," He spoke not only to a few humble men in Galilee but to all men. All through His ministry He sought to show that sickness or imperfection of body was a condition not to be borne, but to be overcome. He healed everyone in whom He could call forth a response; what one teacher has called "The will to be made whole."

If you will to be made whole you can be, for God's Spirit of wholeness infolds you momentarily. It permeates every cell and fiber of your being. It lifts you out of despair into the assurance that you have perfect health. Rise up now, and be whole.

• *Beloved . . . praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God.*—JUDE 20, 21.

MAY 23

Saturday

THE POWER OF GOD GIVES ME VICTORY
OVER EVERY THOUGHT OF LIMITATION.

IT IS natural for us to assume that when we conquer our enemies our life will be harmonious, and success and prosperity will result. This assumption is correct; victory over our enemies is absolutely essential to our good.

Yet in spite of what we may witness of world events, no matter where we may be, the enemies we face are not certain nations, not the machinations of designing groups, not even armed forces. The greatest enemies that you and I have to face and conquer are fear, hatred, and despair.

We can conquer these enemies. The power of God strengthens us, enabling us to win out completely. As we conquer these enemies we perform an invaluable service to ourselves, our community, and our nation. Our victory strengthens the effort of everyone we contact. We conquer fear by placing full dependence upon God to chart our way to freedom. We overcome hate with love and rout despair by a resolute determination to expect only the victory of righteousness.

♣ *A man's foes shall be they of his own household.*
—MATT. 10:36.

Sunday

MAY 24

THIS DAY I AM JUST AND MERCIFUL, AND I
WALK HUMBLY WITH MY GOD.

IN MICAH the question is asked "What doth the LORD require?" And the answer is "To do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." So this day I will treat all persons, including my own self, with justice. I will not condemn, rather will I praise. I will love and give expression to mercy. I will be forgiving and compassionate.

This day I will walk humbly with my God. In walking with Him, I shall see through His eyes and behold only the good. I shall hear just what He hears, only the harmony of perfection. At His side I shall feel His strength and wholeness. The path we tread together will be the path of peace and plenty, joy and happiness. I will walk firmly and faithfully, joyously and fearlessly, for I know that He is with me, bearing me up and guiding me each step of the way. My life is governed by His Spirit of peace and justice.

☛ *He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?*
—MICAH 6:8 (A. V.).

GOD IS MY HELP IN EVERY NEED.

GOD, the all-wise, all-knowing, all-powerful Spirit that is within me and within everything in my world, is my instant, constant, and never-failing help. I have no fears or misgivings about what this day may bring, because I know that God walks beside me momentarily. His help is ever available in any way that it is needed. Thus I am assured of being able to meet and cope successfully and joyfully with every experience that presents itself in my home, in my work, in my association with others.

When I have need of wisdom, I turn to God and am given the right word of leading. When I am called upon to give an opinion or make decisions, I rely upon the discrimination, discernment, and good judgment of God in the midst of me. When there seems to be a condition of illness, discord, lack, or inharmony of any kind, I call upon the presence of God and know that He will give His immediate help.

No matter what the need may be, I place utter trust in God, the mighty helper.

☛ *Behold, God is my helper.*—PSALMS 54:4.

Tuesday

MAY 26

THE INFINITE LOVE OF GOD NOW INFOLDS ME, FILLING MY MIND AND BRINGING ORDER, HARMONY, AND PEACE INTO MY LIFE.

THE all-infolding love of God is now harmonizing my affairs, establishing peace, fulfilling my needs, and creating for me a happy environment.

I give my time, my services, my blessings freely, without anxious thought of reward, for I know that everything I give returns in numerous ways to bless me. I refuse to allow a seeming lack of appreciation to affect me. By maintaining a free, loving attitude I create for myself a bright cheerful atmosphere, and my life is joyous and contented.

I express God's love as patience, kindness, tact, and understanding, and I thereby attract to myself true and lasting friendships. By loving others I call forth the Christ in them so that they are uplifted and inspired, their lives blessed. Each soul to whom I extend my love and blessing sends back a priceless blessing of love and gratitude.

* *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God.*—I JOHN 4:7.

Psalm of Peace

VIOLET THOMAS HARTMANN

Though lengthening shadows spread
 Across the world's far-reaching wilderness,
 And war veils with darkness
 Man's path of hope,
 I will look to God, who is my stronghold
 And my deliverer.
 I shall abide under the wings
 Of the Almighty, where the comfort
 Of His love is an everlasting refuge.
 No evil can assail me, for His fortress of Truth
 Shall be my habitation.
 I will sing songs of praise because
 God has built my life upon the rock
 Of immortality.
 Each day I shall walk the fields of joy
 And find His sanctuary of harmony and strength.
 His light of Spirit shall be my guiding lamp,
 For it shall be filled with the oil of wisdom.
 On the high hill of gratitude I will give thanks
 To God, who is my substance and life.
 In the house of His sustaining love
 I shall behold "a new earth,"
 Where the promised peace of heaven
 Will come with its healing love
 To bless and renew the minds of men forevermore.
 Amen.

Wednesday

MAY 27

I TURN MY EVERY THOUGHT TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN ME.

CHRIST is in you! Light, peace, joy, love, courage, life, and substance are in your very midst. Within you is the presence of all that you can desire. At the heart of your being is the fulfillment of your desire, the answer to your prayer.

Christ in you. He who you have thought was far from you, in the distance and in the future, is right within you. He is the presence of that which steadies you through all life's experiences and causes you to be victorious in all situations. He is the power before which the so-called powers of the world about you become powerless.

Christ in you is the spark of divinity implanted within you at your creation. It is the same divine spark that illumined and animated the man Jesus. You are not of the earth, earthy; you are of heaven. Nothing of the limited or adverse world can limit you. Nothing can limit the power of Christ in your midst.

Christ in you gives you faith.

✿ *Christ in you, the hope of glory.*—COL. 1:27.

MAY 28

Thursday

UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES I CAN BE PATIENT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT ALL THINGS ARE WORKING FOR AND CONTRIBUTING TO MY HIGHEST GOOD.

IMPATIENCE on your part shows that you are not certain about the outcome of events. If you are impatient you feel that evil may intervene in some way and interfere with the working of good. Impatience shows that you fear that God and His work may be delayed.

The patient person, the one whose understanding and faith are centered in God, can be patient at all times and under all circumstances. The nature of an alarming situation does not dampen his spirits in the least. Adverse appearances serve but to make him more steadfast to Truth.

Patience is peculiarly related to faith, since the person with absolute faith in God must likewise be a patient person. Believing that God is omnipotent, he cannot give thought to the power of evil. He cannot think of adversity as gaining power over God.

✿ *The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.*
—ECCLES. 7:8.

Friday

MAY 29

GOD'S PRESENCE WITHIN AND ABOUT ME IS
MY PROTECTION AND SECURITY FROM ALL
HARM.

AS I MEDITATE upon the presence of God within and about me, I come to realize that He is my protection and security. Living in His presence, I know that I am secure from all harm, all danger. Nothing of the world about me has power to disturb me or to cause me to feel insecure. I know that in God's presence there is only joy, peace, harmony, and security.

Thoughts of strife, hatred, and revenge have no place in God's presence. Under His wings I take refuge, and I feel safe. No adverse situation can endanger me. No apparent evil or personal ambition has power to enslave me. God's presence assures me of rich blessings.

I press forward today knowing that every step of my way is protected by God's presence. I am surrounded by the mantle of His love and peace. God's security is mine. His presence is ever with me, and I walk in ways of light, freedom, order, and perfect peace.

☛ *Under his wings shalt thou take refuge.*—PSALMS 91:4.

Saturday

THE FREEING POWER OF THE CHRIST TRUTH
HAS SET ME FREE FROM EVERY BELIEF IN
BONDAGE.

CHRIST, the Spirit of freedom, has now set me free, free from every bondage conceivable by mortal man. I am no longer a victim of the belief that man is on this earth in bondage. I walk forth this day in the freedom that Christ gave me when He set me free. The truth of my absolute freedom through Christ is now accepted by me, and I walk at liberty.

I am not mentally bound by limited thoughts. I cease to let inharmony, worry, and anxiety trouble me. I am free. The freedom that Jesus brought to humanity is the freedom of Christ within me. It is the freedom that sets me free from every adverse belief.

My body is free from those negative beliefs that would hold me in physical bondage. I am liberated from disease and weakness. I am free from the belief that I am bound to ill-health in any form. I go forth this day in the freedom of Christ.

*I shall walk at liberty;
For I have sought thy precepts.*

—PSALMS 119:45.

Sunday

MAY 31

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NOW ESTABLISHED IN ME AND IN MY WORLD.

THE HEAVEN Jesus promised is not a mystical, far-off future place but is instead the present possibility of a heavenly state of affairs together with an inward state of happiness and satisfaction. It is not selfish to desire this heavenly state of affairs in our own life while the world is torn with strife and suffering. Of course it would be wrong to seek a happiness that could only be had at the expense of another. But the good that God gives never takes from another.

When we seek and gain a heavenly state of affairs, we find a happiness that sheds an uplifting radiance on everyone. The sunshine and gladness we discover through our faith in God cannot be kept to ourselves, but will help others to place their trust in better things.

We need not wait for heaven to appear, but we should seek to manifest heavenly good at all times. It should be clear that heaven must first come through individual lives, then spread like an epidemic until all the world catches it.

✿ *Thy kingdom come. . . . as in heaven, so on earth.*
—MATT. 6:10.

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Summer is a time of growth and unfoldment. We invite you to join the group that this summer is planning to study and practice the teachings of H. Emilie Cady's book **GOD A PRESENT HELP**. A few minutes each day devoted to this project will give you new ideas for spiritual progress that you may use profitably all the year. In this way the summer months become a time of growth, of preparation for greater production during the fall and winter. You will find that you have gained new confidence in your ability to achieve and that you have a greater assurance of success.

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